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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Orlando Lopez, Reg. No. 46,880 on 3/13/2008.

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1,

Line 3, before "detecting" insert "Establishing a region of interest bounded by characteristic edge points;

Line 3, replace "interior to a region of interest" with "interior to the region of interest"

Line 8, after "points" insert "based on a measure of corneness obtained from the plurality of points"

Line 11, before "characteristic" insert "the".

Claim 11,

Line 2, before "means for detecting edges" insert "means for establishing a region of interest bounded by characteristic edge points;"

Line 2, replace "interior to a region of interest" with "interior to the region of interest"

Line 7, before "from" insert "based on a measure of comeness obtained"

Line 11, before "characteristic" insert "the".

Claim 18,

Line 2, replace "usable medium" with "readable memory"

Line 4, before "detect" insert "establish a region of interest bounded by characteristic edge points;"

Line 4, replace "interior to a region of interest" with "interior to the region of interest"

Line 10, before "from" insert "based on a measure of comeness obtained"

Line 10, remove "by applying a predetermined criterion"

Line 14, before "characteristic" insert "the".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THOMAS M. REDDING whose telephone number is

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vikkram Bali can be reached on (571) 272-7415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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